

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	:	Francisco M. Galanes		
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 12, 2009, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 12, 2010, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 3-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from February 12, 2010 to May 12, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.